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Hawaii's Louis Gabriel named Cadet of the Year

He joined CAP at age 13 and now, five years later, Cadet Colonel Louis R. Gabriel is the 2003 CAP Cadet of the Year.

An aspiring Air Force Thunderbird pilot, Cadet Gabriel will enter the U.S. Air Force Academy, class of 2007, where he will major in military doctrine, operations, and strategy. He is the fifth consecutive CAP Cadet of the Year to earn an Academy appointment.

Along with his parents, captains Richard and Lily Gabriel, Cadet Gabriel is a member of Hawaii's 66th Cadet Squadron. It was the Pacific Region that nominated him for the CAP Cadet of the Year Award.

Each CAP region nominates a cadet for the annual award. Cadet Gabriel was selected as Cadet of the Year because of his superior academic record and performance as a leader in CAP.

Web Extra: Read more about these exceptional young leaders. Visit www.cap.gov, click "Cadet Programs" and "Cadet of the Year."

"The doors the Cadet Program have opened for me -- and for every cadet -- are matched only by the efforts of its mentors who will stop at nothing to help you through them."

— LOUIS GABRIEL



LOUIS GABRIEL
2003 Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year

Spaatz Award reaches milestone

CAP's most prestigious cadet honor, the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, named for the former USAF Chief of Staff and Chairman of the CAP National Board, reached a milestone on 22 May when National Headquarters awarded Spaatz certificate number 1,500 to Delaware's C/Col Michael R. Quashne.

The Spaatz Award was introduced in 1964, with Spaatz #1 being earned by Michigan's Douglas Roach, who later went on to fly with the USAF Thunderbirds. To qualify for the award, a cadet must complete all sixteen achievements in the

CAP Cadet Program, plus pass a rigorous exam consisting of four tests: leadership, aerospace, physical fitness, and a moral leadership essay.

It is not surprising that CAP is awarding Spaatz #1,500 at this time. In 1990, twenty-six years after the award's inception, Spaatz #1,000 was awarded. Now, thirteen years after that milestone, CAP is presenting Spaatz #1,500.

For more information about the Spaatz Award, visit The Spaatz Association website at www.spaatz.org.

Intern studies, supports IACE

A Spaatz Award recipient and soon to be commissioned Air Force second lieutenant is completing an internship at HQ CAP.

Mike Provencher, who is studying international business and French at Mississippi State University, is interning in the Cadets & Senior Member Professional Development division. Through August 1st, Mike

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Mike Provencher,
college intern



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Civil Air Patrol National Board & Annual Conference

Cadet Program Seminars

Don't miss CAP's National Board & Annual Conference, which is being held in Las Vegas from 25-27 August. For details, visit www.capnhq.gov and click "Conferences."

The following Cadet Program seminars are tentatively scheduled:

CADET PROGRAM: Update 2003

Keep up with the news that affects cadets, commanders, and directors of cadet programs. The Corporate Team will host a presentation to discuss several new developments in the Cadet Program. If you attend only one Cadet Programs seminar, make this the one.

DIRECTOR'S CROSS-TALK:

Sharing Successes, Welcoming Innovation

Have you found a new method of leading cadets or managing the Cadet Program? What challenges has your program encountered and how did you overcome them? This seminar is a special opportunity to share lessons learned and discuss high-level topics with other volunteers and Corporate Team staff. The seminar is open to wing and region DCPs and National Board members.

CADET OPEN FORUM

Cadets, do you have an idea that would make the Cadet Program better? Do you want to know what the National Cadet Advisory Council has been doing to serve you and the other 27,000 CAP cadets? Share your suggestions and concerns with your NCAC representative. This seminar is for cadets only.

SENIORS AS SHEPHERDS:

How to Influence Cadets Gone Astray

If you lead cadets, perhaps you've noticed that occasionally some of them need a coach or shepherd to redirect them. How should you mentor the disruptive cadet? What's the best tact when sibling rivalry gets out of hand at CAP? How can you put disrespectful cadets on track toward teamwork and success? Join an educator and a chaplain as they discuss how to be an effective shepherd and cadet mentor and offer tips you can use in your squadron. This seminar is for senior members only.

USING AEROSPACE TO HELP YOUTH LEARN: The Next Step

Many have enjoyed the presentation on learning styles that was offered during previous National Boards. This seminar takes the next step by showing you how to apply the concepts discussed in the earlier presentation. You'll participate in hands-on aerospace activities and see how they illustrate teaching concepts that will help you become a better leader of cadets. This seminar is co-sponsored by the aerospace education staff. Attendance at previous years' seminars is not necessary; newcomers are welcome. This seminar is for both cadets and seniors.

LEADERSHIP & CHARACTER FOR CADETS: Perspectives from Senior Air Force Officers

Duty. Citizenship. Community service. Those concepts mean something different to each of us. What do they mean to senior Air Force officers? Why does their unique perspective matter to cadets aspiring to become leaders? If you're a cadet who has been searching for genuine wisdom on leadership and character, don't miss this opportunity. This seminar is for cadets only.

LEADING NATIONAL CADET ACTIVITIES: Seminar for Current & Prospective NCSA Staff

Do you work in an aerospace career field and want to share your experience with cadets from across America? Have you been involved in local cadet activities for a while and now would like to participate in a national event? This seminar is your opportunity to get involved with NCSAs. Current activity directors will meet the NCSA chief and share lessons learned from previous NCSAs.

CADETS AS COMMANDERS: How to Meet the Challenge

What leadership traits does a cadet need to be a good cadet commander? How do you cope with the special environment of being a "commander" of classmates and friends? What's the best way to develop a positive relationship with seniors? Listen and ask questions as a panel of former cadet commanders discuss the timeless challenges of cadet command.

DDR 101

This primer will introduce CAP members to the Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) program. Come see how to gain support for cadets and promote a positive, drug-free lifestyle.

DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION UPDATE: 2004 and Beyond

Keep up with changes that affect cadets, senior members and especially the Drug Demand Reduction Coordinators and Drug Demand Reduction Administrators. CAPP 55 has been totally revised. Funding requests and status reporting have been significantly changed. Find out how these changes will affect you.

FATAL VISION

Do you want to find out what the effects of a couple of drinks or more would have on your abilities to perform task? Try this out without having to drink the alcohol. Fatal Vision is a program designed to show students and young adults how it feels to be impaired both mentally and physically. It is also designed to take the mystery and allurements away from drugs and alcohol that are often the reason why adolescents experiment with these substances.

WHAT IS YOUR DRUG IQ?

Availability and popularity of drugs and other substances change with supply and demand. Participants will learn about the drugs, which are currently popular among today's youth, their effects, and how they can be recognized. The dangers of alcohol, marijuana, inhalants, LSD, cocaine, heroin and designer drugs will be discussed. An exhibit of real and synthetic substances and paraphernalia will be displayed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE (MSI): Panel Discussion

Learn about MSI from those that are deeply involved in running their own programs. Find out what works and what may not work. If you are thinking about doing something in this area, this is the Seminar to attend.

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will be supporting the International Air Cadet Exchange.

Helping manage the IACE program is a perfect match for his educational goals. Mike explains, "I chose to intern at CAP to gain an international perspective on the USAF Auxiliary."

He brings IACE experience of his own, having represented CAP and the United States in France during the 1999 Exchange.

Welcome to the team, Mike!